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THEDWASTRE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

in the

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the
year

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE
AUTHORITY

- (a) Medical - One part-time Medical Officer of Health
E. KINNEAR, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

This Officer does not engage in private practice
but holds in addition the following appointments :-

Medical Officer of Health Sudbury Borough Council
Hadleigh U.D.C.
Cosford R.D.C.
Melford R.D.C.

Assistant County Medical Officer and School
Medical Officer.

Miss A. Bryant is clerical assistant to the Medical
Officer of Health for the five districts.

- (b) Others - One Public Health Inspector
O.J. WYATT, M.S.I.A., M.A.P.H.I., Meat Cert.R.S.H.
Mr. Wyatt is also Surveyor to the Council.

One Additional Public Health Inspector
F.G. LAMBERT, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A., Meat Cert R.S.I.

THEDWASTRE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, 1962.

Mrs. L.D. Walmsley (Gedding) - Chairman of the Council.

Revd. F.E. Weston-Waite (Stowlangtoft) - Vice Chairman.

Mr. F.G. Armstrong (Tostock)	Mr. H.T. Hitchcock (Rattlesden)
Mrs. F.A. Ambrose (Walsham-le-Willows)	Mr. A. Johnson (Hunston)
Mr. E.J. Aves (Hinderclay)	Mr. A.R. Le Grice (Badwell Ash)
Mr. L.E. Baker (Woolpit)	Mr. H.T. Levesley (Great Ashfield)
Mr. T.F. Blackwell (Langham)	Mr. T.H. Marshall (Rickingham)
Mr. R.A. Bloom (Norton)	Mr. W.H. Parr (Woolpit)
Major T.L. Dearbergh (Thurston)	Mr. P.C. Romans (Felsham)
Mr. D.J.S. Dyball (Elmswell)	Mrs. H.M. Russell (Walsham-le-Willows)
Mr. W.W. Hawes (Elmswell)	Mrs. D.I. Staddon (Beyton)
Mr. A.E. Henderson (Drinkstone)	Mr. W.N. Valentine (Hessett)
Mr. F.J. Watson (Wattisfield)	

MR. A. OWEN - CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

1. <u>GENERAL STATISTICS</u>	Area - 34,126 acres.			
	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population	9380	9200	9230	9130
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to the rate book	3375	3262	3171	3145
Rateable Value	64019	61092	58658	56749
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£248	£23 9	£226	£219

2. VITAL STATISTICS

There are no towns in the district. There are large villages at Elmswell, Norton, Battlesden, Thurston and Walsham-le-Willows. Much of the employment is agricultural though there is a bacon factory at Elmswell employing a number of people.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	167(149)	91(74)	76(75)
Illegitimate	9(7)	5(5)	4(2)
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Total :	176(156)	96(79)	80(77)
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Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (crude)	18.8	(16.9)	
Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.13)	21.2	(19.1)	
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (England & Wales)	18.0	(17.4)	
Rural districts aggregate	19.5	(16.6)	
County Aggregate	18.8	(16.2)	

STILLBIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	6(4)	4(3)	2(1)
Illegitimate	<u>-(-)</u>	<u>-(-)</u>	<u>-(-)</u>
Total:	<u>6(4)</u>	<u>4(3)</u>	<u>2(1)</u>

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births 32.9 (25.0)

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births (England & Wales) 18.1 (19.1)

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	173(153)	95(77)	78(76)
Illegitimate	<u>9(7)</u>	<u>5(5)</u>	<u>4(2)</u>
Total:	<u>182(160)</u>	<u>100(82)</u>	<u>82(78)</u>

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTH RATE (as % of total live and still births)

<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
4.9	4.4	2.4

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	4(1)	1(-)	3(1)
Illegitimate	<u>- (1)</u>	<u>- (1)</u>	<u>+ (1)</u>
Total :	<u>4(2)</u>	<u>1(1)</u>	<u>3(1)</u>

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births 22.7 (12.8)

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births, England & Wales

.. .. 21.4 (21.6)

NEONATAL MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under 4 weeks.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	3(-)	1(-)	2(-)
Illegitimate.. .. .	<u>-(1)</u>	<u>-(1)</u>	<u>-(-)</u>
Total :	<u>3(1)</u>	<u>1(1)</u>	<u>2(-)</u>

Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live biths 17.0 (6.4)

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY - Death of infants under 1 week.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2(-)	-(-)	2(-)
Illegitimate	<u>-(1)</u>	<u>-(1)</u>	<u>-(-)</u>
Total :	<u>2(1)</u>	<u>-(1)</u>	<u>2(-)</u>

Early neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births 11.3 (6.4)

The above statistics relate to the deaths of four infants :-

<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Cause of death</u>	<u>If in hospital, at time of death</u>
2days	Female	Erythroblastosis foetalis	Yes
3days	"	Cerebral haemorrhage, difficult labour	No
10days	Male	Meningitis, spina bifida	Yes
4months	Female	Laryngo-tracheo-bronchitis	No

DEATHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	126(124)	60(63)	66(61)
Death Rate per 1,000 Population			13.4 (13.5)
Corrected Death Rate (Comparability Factor 0.79) ...			10.6 (11.3)
Death Rate per 1,000 Population (England & Wales) ...			11.9 (12.0)
Number of women dying in or as a consequence of childbirth, pregnancy or abortion			- (-)
Maternal mortality rate			nil(nil)

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	YEAR								
	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Birth Rate (Corrected)	16.5	20.0	21.2	17.8	19.2	17.4	18.8	19.1	21.2
Death Rate (Corrected)	11.3	10.7	10.6	10.3	9.3	10.7	9.0	11.3	10.6
Infant Mortality Rate	70.3	25.6	30.1	42.5	-	28.4	32.5	12.8	22.7
Number of infant deaths	9	4	5	6	-	4	5	2	4

The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1962. The grand totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
All causes	126(124)	60(63)	66(61)
1. Tuberculosis respiratory	1(-)	1(-)	-(-)
2. Tuberculosis, other	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
3. Syphilitic Disease	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
4. Diphtheria	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
5. Whooping Cough	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
6. Meningococcal infections	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
8. Measles	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1(2)	1(1)	-(-)
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4(3)	4(3)	-(-)
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
13. Malignant neoplasm, Uterus	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	10(18)	7(7)	3(11)
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2(1)	1(1)	1(-)
16. Diabetes	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	29(21)	12(9)	17(12)
18. Coronary Disease, angina	25(24)	16(18)	9(6)

Deaths from infectious diseases - 0.8% (nil)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1(-)	1(-)	-(-)

Deaths from Cancers (all types including leukaemias)

.. .. . 13.6%(22.6%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
15(28)	12(11)	3(17)

of this total, lung cancer 3.2%

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
4	4	-

Deaths from heart and circulatory diseases (including strokes)

.. .. . 58.4%(52.3%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
73(65)	34(34)	39(31)

of this total, Coronary disease (angina) . 20.0%(19.3%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
25(24)	16(18)	9(6)

Deaths from respiratory diseases

(including pneumonia and influenza) 14.4%(14.3%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
18(18)	5(9)	13(9)

Deaths from accidents - all types

.. .. . 3.2%(3.2%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
4(4)	1(3)	3(1)

The Birth Rate, Death Rate and the Registrar General's estimate of the resident population of Thedwastre for the years 1951 to 1962 are set out below :-

THEDWASTRE RURAL DISTRICT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Crude Birth Rate.</u>	<u>Crude Death Rate.</u>
1951	8,719	17.5	14.3
1952	8,880	18.6	11.4
1953	8,788	18.4	11.5
1954	8,860	14.4	13.7
1955	8,880	17.6	13.0
1956	8,930	18.6	11.8
1957	8,940	15.8	11.4
1958	8,990	17.0	10.1
1959	9,130	15.4	11.9
1960	9,230	16.7	10.6
1961	9,200	16.9	13.5
1962	9,380	18.8	13.4

Year	Rateable Value	Penny Rate Product	No. of inhab. houses	Reg. Gen Estimate Population	Total Deaths	Infant deaths under one year		Births		Still births	
						Legit imate	Illegit imate	Legit imate	Illegit imate	Legit imate	Illegit imate
	£	£									
1950	28,793	119	2,768	8,654	114	5	nil	137	15	2	nil
1951	29,120	120	2,789	8,719	125	4	nil	146	7	4	1
1952	30,647	122	2,786	8,880	101	6	nil	159	6	2	nil
1953	31,312	127	2,801	8,788	101	1	1	152	10	2	nil
1954	32,401	130	2,849	8,860	121	9	nil	121	7	3	nil
1955	33,173	131	2,813	8,880	115	4	nil	151	5	5	nil
1956	55,458	212	2,847	8,930	105	5	nil	158	8	2	nil
1957	52,597	227	2,876	8,940	102	6	nil	138	3	3	nil
1958	52,933	211	3,029	8,990	91	nil	nil	147	6	5	nil
1959	56,749	213	3,145	9,130	109	1	3	139	4	1	1
1960	58,658	226	3,171	9,230	98	5	nil	150	4	9	nil
1961	61,092	239	3,262	9,200	124	1	1	149	7	4	nil
1962	64,019	248	3,375	9,380	126	4	nil	167	9	6	nil

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr. J.M.S. Dixon provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge gives a similar, efficient, helpful service when chemical analyses are required.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

These services since July, 1953 have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME

The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The West Suffolk County Council hold Infant Welfare Clinics in Thedwastre at two centres :-

Elmswell, Village Hall - 1st. Thursday in each month.

Rickinghall, Village Hall - 2nd. Thursday in each month.

(e) NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and protection :-

No proceedings were taken under section 47, during 1962.

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases were notified to the Medical Officer of Health during 1962 :-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Scarlet fever	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Measles	99 (120)	52 (64)	47 (56)
Whooping cough	- (12)	- (6)	- (6)
Dysentery	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)

No other notifications of infectious diseases (except tuberculosis), were received.

Measles - Age incidence

	Under 1	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.
Male	-	2	2	5	9	30	3	-
Female	-	4	7	6	3	20	6	1
Totals	-	6	9	11	12	50	9	1

(plus one age not stated).

Cases were notified from
Beyton - 12
Elmswell - 40
Norton - 22
Tostock - 16

A few cases also occurred in Gt. Ashfield, Hissett, and Woolpit.

T U B E R C U L O S I S

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

New cases

There were ^{two}~~no new~~ cases of Tuberculosis notified during 1962.

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
Pulmonary	2	0	1	0	3	5	4	2	1	1	0
Non-pulmonary	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	2

Mortality

There was one Tuberculosis death during 1962 registered locally.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	Total		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1. Cases at commencement 1962.	12	10	12	6	-	4
2. Notified first in 1962	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Cases removed from register	1	2	1	-	-	2
6. Remaining at end of 1962	11	8	11	6	-	2

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (i) WATER The present position within the District is as follows :-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Piped supply to house</u>		<u>Using standpipe within 200 feet.</u>	
	Number	%	Number	%
1962	2,396	71	448	13
1961	2,221	68	456	14
1960	2,137	64	450	14

The following table indicates the position in each parish :-

Parish	Total houses in parish	Houses with piped water supply into the house. (Number in brackets = those supplied by standpipe).		% with water at the end of 1962		
		1962	1961	in house	stand-pipe	Total
Gt. Ashfield	115	77(21)	71(21)	67	18	85
Badwell Ash	120	68(29)	66(29)	57	24	81
Beyton	146	117(22)	116(22)	80	15	95
Drinkstone	146	90(17)	84(17)	61	12	73
Elmswell	435	343(49)	320(47)	79	11	90
Felsham	111	88(15)	80(14)	79	14	93
Gedding	49	39(7)	35(7)	80	14	94
Hessett	105	66(18)	59(18)	63	17	80
Hinderclay	74	45(18)	43(18)	61	24	85
Hunston	38	24(7)	22(7)	63	13	81
Langham	35	16(9)	16(9)	46	26	72
Norton	258	178(26)	172(26)	69	10	79
Rattlesden	260	185(39)	175(39)	71	15	86
Rickingham						
Inferior	108	83(15)	77(15)	77	14	91
Stowlangtoft	61	42(6)	41(6)	69	10	79
Thurstun	407	274(22)	222(22)	67	5	72
Tostock	134	90(13)	81(13)	67	10	77
Walsham-le-						
Willows	282	165(49)	164(49)	59	14	73
Wattisfield	141	94(28)	91(28)	67	20	87
Woolpit	350	312(38)	286(49)	89	11	100
Totals	3375	2396(448)	2221(456)	71	13	84

During the year 5 samples of water were taken for bacteriological purposes and of these 4 were satisfactory and 1 was unsatisfactory.

Water is purchased from Thingoe Rural District Council and we, in our turn, sell it to Gipping Rural District Council.

Carting of Water. There was no carting of water in 1962 as extensions to mains have provided supplies to all properties, with the exception of a few outlying farms which are adequately supplied by bores.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage.

The joint Badwell Ash and Walsham-le-Willows sewers were made available for use in September, 1962 and early steps were taken to modernise the Council houses within these two villages and connect them to the sewer. Owners of private houses also showed an early interest in the sewer and made connections thereto.

There are now six completed sewerage schemes within the District and, during the year, more houses have been connected to the main sewer and every month applications are received and assistance given by means of Discretionary and Standard Grants which enable owners of older properties to bring them up to date, frequently at half the usual cost.

During the year 80 applications were received for Grant Aid - 22 for Discretionary and 58 for Standard Grants. In 1961 the figures were 24 for the former and 34 for the latter.

The position regarding connections to sewers in 1962 is as follows :-

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Badwell Ash	26	-
Elmswell	44	244
Rattlesden	9	108
Rickingham Inferior	21	30
Walsham-le-Willows	85	-
Woolpit	10	254

In addition to the above, there are small schemes for post-war Council houses at Hissett and Hinderclay.

Further schemes are in hand - a joint one for Felsham and Gedding and one for the larger village of Norton. The Council are also concerned with the sewerage of Wattisfield, Beyton, Hissett and Thurston and, for that purpose, have instructed their Consulting Engineers to prepare Schemes.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS

Many streams irrigate farm lands and pastures, sometimes flowing several miles before linking up with larger streams and finally joining a river, although there are none of the latter in the Thedwastre district. Attention has been given to watercourses bordering highways and other places frequented by the public, and vermin is kept in check by periodic visits of the Rodent Operator.

3.(i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

All post war private houses have modern sanitation including water closets with drainage to septic tanks or cesspools. In seven villages, a large number are now connected to the main sewer and all Council houses in Rattlesden, Elmswell, Woolpit, Badwell Ash and Walsham-le-Willows enjoy this amenity.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

The removal of household refuse is operated on a fortnightly basis, the collection being kerbside, except from those dwellings occupied by elderly people or women living alone.

The vehicle, a 4 ton, 18 cubic yard Karrier, is giving quite good service and is manned by a driver/loader and two loaders, who remove refuse from 3,200 premises every 2 weeks.

Removal of household refuse was started in September, 1947, and, at that time, the Council adopted the hire-bin service at a charge of 5/- per annum but, after a few years, it was decided to discontinue the charge, since when dustbins for new occupiers or those in place of any worn out or defective are supplied free of charge. It is found in many cases that one dustbin per house is insufficient and other containers are used. It may mean that, at some future time, a more frequent service will be considered necessary.

The refuse tips are at Badwell Ash, Elmswell, Hinderclay, Rattlesden and Wattisfield and, to make tipping easier, bull dozers are hired when required to level off the tips which are then covered with soil .

The Rodent Operator makes frequent visits to the tips in order to combat the menace of flies and rats.

Waste paper, weighing 7 tons, 2cwts.3qrs. was salvaged during 1962 and the proceeds, amounting to £25. 1. 6d. are used to help to defray the cost of refuse collection.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following table records the number of inspections carried out :-

Housing Inspections	928
Building (work in progress) inspections	1,431
Drainage (work in progress) inspections	1,141
Slaughterhouse visits	570
Owners interviewed	459
Caravans visited	68
Bakehouses inspections	8
Shops inspected	181
Factories (with power) inspections	509
Factories (without power) inspections	6
Factories (building sites etc.) inspections	331
Refuse tips inspections	87
Sewage works inspections	338
Food premises inspections	662
Improvement grant investigations	207
Cesspools inspected	71
Complaints investigated	48
Ditches inspected	9
Water supplies investigated	204
Farms visits	49
Other visits	175

The new cesspool emptier is proving most satisfactory and, although many more houses are on the sewer, there is an apparently everlasting demand for its services, in fact, there is usually a waiting period.

The charge for emptying is 30/- for the 1st load and 25/- for each subsequent load, except where properties can be connected to the Council's sewer when the charge is double in each case.

During the year the total number of cesspools emptied was 1,187, as follows :-

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Council Houses	849 (1,491 loads)	781 (1,800 loads)
Private houses	334 (549 loads)	280 (448 loads)
Schools	4(7 loads)	2 (6 loads)

CESSPOOL CLEARANCE FROM 1st JANUARY, 1962 to 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

Name of village	Council houses		Private houses		Total	
	Cesspools emptied	Loads	Cesspools emptied	Loads	Cesspools emptied	Loads
Ashfield Magna	68	103	7	9	75	112
Badwell Ash	11	12	10	15	21	27
Beyton	44	66	27	31	71	97
Drinkstone	50	77	14	15	64	92
Elmswell	-	-	37	62	37	62
Felsham	5	12	6	8	11	20
Gedding	1	1	5	9	6	10
Hessett	34	49	4	4	38	53
Hinderclay	1	2	3	3	4	5
Hunston	-	-	5	9	5	9
Langham	-	-	2	4	2	4
Norton	318	528	23	30	341	558
Rattlesden	-	-	16	73	16	73
Rickingham Inf.	-	-	7	8	7	8
Stowlangtoft	20	31	6	8	26	39
Thurston	159	347	82	161	241	509
Tostock	29	52	29	32	58	84
Walsham-le-Willows	59	64	29	33	88	97
Wattisfield	50	147	8	11	58	158
Woolpit	-	-	14	17	14	17
Schools					4	7
1962 Totals	849	1,491	334	549	1,187	2,040
1961 Totals	781	1,800	280	448	1,080	2,310

FACTORY ACT, 1937

Inspections for purposes of provision as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	32	6	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. * (excluding out-workers premises).	30	331	-	-

* i.e. Electrical Stations (Sections 103 (1)). Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

OUTWORK. Sections 110 and 111. No notification of out-work was received.

Premises classified as Factories in THEDWASTRE comprise :-

Agricultural Engineering Works	5	Flour Mills	3
Bacon Factory	1	Printing Works	1
Boot Repairers	4	Smithies	3
Fruit Packing Station	1	Tailor	1
Garages	10	Wheelwright	1
Sand & Ballast Merchants	2	Wireless Repairer	1
Gate Manufacturer	1	Market Gardeners	6
Builders Yards	20	Corn & Seed Merchants	5
Pottery	1	Bakeries	2

(iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES

Inspections of the ventilation and sanitary accommodation provisions, under the Shop Act, 1934, were made.

The following are the number of shops throughout the district:-

Shops not associated with food:-

Boot repairers	...	...	...	4
Bicycle Repairers.	...	...	...	2
Garages	...	...	...	10

Shops associated with food:-

Butchers	...	...	...	5
Grocers	...	...	...	40
Bakers	...	...	...	2
Fish Fryers	...	...	...	1
Cafes	...	...	...	2
Public Houses	...	...	...	29

(v) CAMPING SITES

29 caravans provide accommodation for approximately 61 persons and are situated on 22 different sites. The largest site only accommodates six caravans which are occupied by gipsies, otherwise the occupants are, in the main, farm workers and no trouble has arisen on any of the sites in the District.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT

The Bacon Factory, Elmswell and the Pottery at Wattisfield are the only two factories with chimneys in Thedwastre; as in previous years, no smoke nuisance arose from these factories.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS

No swimming baths are available in the Thedwastre District but both Bury St. Edmunds and Stowmarket have good facilities and these baths are patronised by many local people, especially children.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No case of bed bug infestation was either reported or discovered during 1962, or in any year covered by my reports, which date from 1938.

(ix) RODENT CONTROL

The Council receive many requests from householders for the destruction of rats, mice, wasp's nests, ants, flies etc. and as previously mentioned frequent treatment is given to all refuse tips, streams, ditches and business premises. A copy of the report for 1962 can be seen on the following page.

(x) OLD PEOPLE'S BUNGALOWS

The six bungalows at Elmswell are proving a boon to the elderly occupants - all ladies - who enjoy the comfort of central heating and modern sanitation. Each bungalow has a kitchen, bedroom, living room and bathroom. In the middle of the block there is a communal lounge, nicely furnished, where the tenants can meet and talk or watch the television. Twelve similar bungalows are being erected in the village of Woolpit.

(xi) MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals-on-Wheels service celebrated its first birthday in December and has been gratefully welcomed by the elderly inhabitants of Drinkstone, Elmswell, Tostock, Walsham-le-Willows and Woolpit. 40 to 50 two course dinners are provided every Tuesday and Friday, the charge for which is 1/-d. The team of ten Elmswell ladies continue to act as cooks, washers-up and deliverers of the meals to the very appreciative recipients.

(xii) SCHOOLS

Modern sewage disposal methods are in use at Beyton, Elmswell, Rattlesden, Rickingham and Woolpit and will undoubtedly be adopted in other villages as soon as sewers are available. All of the schools have mains water supplies.

Prevention of damage by Pests Act, 1949.
Report for 12 months ended 31st. December, 1962.

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				5 Agricul- -tural
	1 Local Authority	2 Dwelling houses	3 All other premises	4 Total of Cols.1, 2 & 3.	
1. No. of properties in Local Authority district	8	3058	309	3375	254
2. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	-	195	1	196	-
3. Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common rat Major	5	57	1	63	-
Minor	2	265	-	266	1
House Mouse Major	4	35	1	37	4
Minor	-	115	-	115	1
4. Total number of properties inspected in the course of 8 survey under the Act		2027	173	2208	243
5. Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common rat Major	6	61	1	68	4
Minor	1	357	-	358	1
House Mouse Major	1	19	1	-	1
Minor	-	112	-	112	2
6. Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	15	-	15	-
7. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspec- tions	32	2987	163	3182	197
8. No. of infested properties treated by the L.A.	8	527	1	528	-

SECTION E

1. (i) (a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	928
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1135
(ii) (a)	Number of dwellinghouses (including under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	-
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	-
(iii)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or infurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	11
(iv)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	6
2.	<u>Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices :-</u>	
	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	20
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:-</u>	
(a)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12 and 39 of the Housing Act, 1957 :-</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	by Owners	Nil
(b)	by Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(b)	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices:-	
(a)	By Owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 19, 21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957

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| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | Nil |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation | Nil |
| (4) Number of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or Undertakings | Nil |

(d) Proceedings under Sections 18, 19 and 27 of the Housing Act, 1957

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| (1) Number of parts of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made | Nil |
| (2) Number of parts of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders | Nil |
| (3) Number of Demolition Orders revoked | Nil |
| (4) Number of Undertakings Cancelled | Nil |

(e) Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act, 1957

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| (1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas | Nil |
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4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

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| (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | Nil |
| (ii) Number of families dwelling therein | Nil |
| (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein | Nil |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | Nil |
| (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | Nil |
| (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases | Nil |
| (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | Nil |

New houses provided in the post-war years have been:-

	1946-1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	Total
Private houses	49	4	15	21	28	23	27	41	50	38	43	73	412
Council houses	206	22	24	40	13	44	6	13	12	12	38	21	451
Total	255	26	39	61	41	67	33	54	62	50	81	94	863

The following table indicates the work of general repair and maintenance of existing houses in connection with private dwelling houses. The Table, however, does not include repairs to Council houses which are affected by direct labour.

Classified List of Housing Defects found during the year in Private Dwelling Houses.

Roofs repaired	20
Dampness remedied	25
Wall plaster repaired	11
Yard paving repaired	-
External Walls repaired.. .. .	14
Windows repaired or renewed.. .. .	7
Drains repaired	2
Fireplaces repaired.. .. .	12
Floors repaired.. .. .	20
Eavesgutters repaired or renewed.	10
Doors repaired or renewed	6
Light & Ventilation improved	-
Other repairs	20

The table on the following page indicates the provision of Council houses in Thedwastre.

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	Total houses in Parish	Total	Pre- war	War time	1946 - 55	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	% of Council Houses in Parish
Gt. Ashfield	115	30	16	2	8				2		2		26%
Badwell Ash	120	23	19	-	4								19%
Beyton	146	46	20	-	26								31%
Drinkstone	146	28	10	2	12			4					20%
Elmswell	435	132	55	-	41				2	8	16	10	30%
Felsham	111	28	10	-	18								25%
Gedding	49	18	10	-	8								37%
Hessett	105	36	12	-	18	2	4						34%
Hinderclay	74	9	7	-	8	2						2	25%
Hunston	38	-	-	-									NIL
Langham	35	-	-	-									NIL
Norton	258	76	33	-	26	6		5			6		30%
Rattlesden	260	50	18	-	16	6		4			4	2	19%
Rickingham Inf	103	26	2	-	16	4						4	24%
Stowlangtoft	61	14	6	-	8								23%
Thurston	407	47	17	-	22			4	4				12%
Tostock	134	28	14	-	6	4	2		2				23%
Walsham-le- Willows	282	58	38	-	18						2		21%
Wattisfield	141	31	18	-	10							3	22%
Woolpit	350	96	26	-	40	20		2		8			28%
TOTALS	3375	786	331	4	305	44	6	13	12	12	38	21	23%

SECTION F.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Of the five retail butchers in the District, 3 obtain their meat from wholesalers slaughtering outside the District. The remaining 2 use their own private slaughterhouses and the animals slaughtered and inspected during the year were as follows :-

<u>Beasts</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
265	16	357	12

These figures do not include inspections at the St. Edmunds Bacon Factory, which are as under :-

Sheep

1080 sheep were inspected and, of this number, only 1 was condemned.

Pigs

The number of pigs killed at the St. Edmunds Bacon Factory, Elmswell, during the year, was 98,497. The figure for 1961 was 107,340.

Number of pigs killed	98,497
Number of pigs inspected.. .. .	98,497
Number of pigs condemned.. .. .	564

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci

Whole carcasses condemned	558
Percentage of number inspected of totally condemned carcasses with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	0.567

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcasses condemned	6
Percentage of number inspected of totally condemned carcasses with Tuberculosis	0.006

<u>Cysticercosis</u>	Nil
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In addition to the 564 whole carcasses condemned, there were also condemned :-

3,119 heads	(Weighing 34,309 lbs.)
4,068 plucks	(Weighing 24,408 lbs.)
4,108 kidneys	(Weighing 1,027 lbs.)
1,125 intestines	

